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Draft passage for the Prime Minister's statement on October 25, 1962

"In his message and through the United States Ambassador in London President Kennedy made it clear to me on Monday, October 22 that he had become very concerned about the Soviet supplies of offensive weapons to Cuba in recent weeks. It is of course true that the United States authorities had known for some time the location of a number of surface to air missile sites in Cuba, but these missiles, even though carrying nuclear warheads, may be regarded as of a defensive nature. Very recently, however, at least eight ballistic missile sites have been definitely identified in Cuba. Normally each such site has four launchers and each launcher has two missiles. This indicates a capability of delivering a total of 64 MRBM and IRBM missiles. Reports from all American intelligence sources confirm that at least 30 missiles are already present in Cuba. MRBM missiles, with their range of over a thousand miles, could reach a large area of the United States including Washington and nearly the whole of Central America and the Caribbean including the Panama Canal. Intermediate range ballistic missiles have an operational range of 2200 nautical miles. Further sites for both types of missiles are being constructed. All these missiles are designed to carry and must be presumed to carry nuclear bombs. In addition, Russia has supplied Cuba with IL 28 aircraft, of which over twenty have been definitely identified. These bombers are of course offensive and not defensive weapons. It is interesting to note that the Soviet Union do not appear to have denied the presence of these missiles in Cuba and indeed it may be difficult for them to do so since the United States believe that there are at least five thousand Soviet military personnel already on the island."

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to put across to him the idea that I was not a citizen of Virginia. Next, he wanted to sell me a large farm in Halifax County. Failing in that endeavor, he offered to buy my own. I used to know his father well. He lived at Stuart, Virginia.

I had a short talk with William Davies, of the Old Millhillians' Club, whose annual dinner I attended last year. He wanted me to send a message to them for use at their reunion this evening.

I took Matt McClosky, our Ambassador to Ireland, to our staff meeting this morning. He amused us all by his remarks on his experiences thus far at his post. He said he had no vexatious duties, but was trying to keep his wife from being homesick by making periodical importations of their children and their 38 grandchildren.

I lunched at Bucks with Bill Stoneman. I had not known he suffered from high blood pressure. He felt so faint that at one point he thought he might have to leave and go home. I sensed he must be in considerable distress when he ~~reject~~^{ed} a tempting looking roast partridge.

He thinks, as I do, that most of the decisions to be made in the future regarding Cuba should be done by the US on a unilateral basis. I especially fear too great an involvement by the UN in this affair.

On the way back from Bucks, I stopped in at Tessier, and ordered another flat silver service. To compensate somewhat for this expenditure, I left on offer with Peter Vaughan at John Sparks & Co. two Chinese saucers, made about 1000 A.D., that I ~~bought~~ years ago from Mathias Komor soon after he had set up his business in New York. They were part of his stock at Shanghai. This ~~was~~ confiscated by the Japanese, but ^{found} carefully packed ~~after~~ after the Japanese surrender. He located most of it in Tokyo.

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Bill Bernie, who ~~was~~ served with me in Germany, but is now a foreign editor of the Readers Digest, came in with Mr. Kings of their London office. They are engaged in writing a sort of "Longest Day" description of the management of events preceding the deal with the Soviet Union over Cuba.

Tonight, we had a dinner at home in honor of the German Ambassador, von Etzdorf, and his wife. Willy Brandt and Frau Brandt were staying with them, and to our pleasure also came. The other guests were:

Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury
 Earl and Countess Alexander of Tunis
 Viscount and Viscountess Chandos
 Lord and Lady Shawcross
 Mr. and Mrs. Drew Middleton
 Admiral and Mrs. Lynch
 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thompson
 Mr. and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy
 Lady Pamela and Mr. Michael Berry
 Mr. Wells

Willy Brandt looked well, and was in good spirits. In honor of the German guests, I had amongst other wines Scharzhofberger 1959, from Egon Muller's establishment. It was exceptionally good.

When we were at the Caccias, Lady Clitheroe said that she and her husband had known Death Valley Scotty well. His reputation has always intrigued me, since he is represented ^{as} ~~one~~ one of the most mysterious persons in the West. His huge castle, built below sea level in the midst of the desert, was supposedly financed from the proceeds of mines, the location of which were known only to him and a few trusted laborers. Lady Clitheroe had often been there, and stated as a fact, which I have heard from other sources, that the prospector Scotty ~~never~~ never developed a paying mine. A rich friend ~~became~~ became interested in his fabulous stories of non-success, and indulged him for the rest of his life in any whimsy ~~he~~ he wished to practice.

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be interested in, it would be appropriate to suggest it to Mr. Rooney. Also, if there is a local market of some kind which is particularly noted for color, I think the Rooneys might like to visit that.

9. Cars

There will be six in our party (eight counting the escort officer and his wife). I suggest that you have two cars for the group, even if you must rent them. Mr. Rooney likes to ride in the front seat of the first car and Mrs. Rooney likes to ride in the same car. I suggest that the escort officer ride in that car also along with someone else from the party. The rest of us will ride in the second car along with the escort officer's wife.

Mr. Rooney likes the cars to go slowly and without ostentation through the crowded sections of a city so that he can see and observe and so that chickens and children are not sent flying. The cars should be available at all times.

10. Funds

The party will not use counterpart funds. Please have local funds available for the party's use and I will reimburse you for the amounts used. I shall also be prepared to reimburse personnel for any luncheon costs and other entertainment afforded the party. Please have a bill ready for my departure so that I can settle all accounts at that time.

11. Hotel Rooms

I would like a suite arranged for the Rooneys with bedroom and sitting room. The sitting room should be provided with a bottle of scotch and bourbon, as well as flowers and anything else you think will make it comfortable. I will reimburse you for these expenses. It is helpful if there is a list in each room of the other members' room numbers.

12. Evening Activities

I am sure Mr. Rooney will be interested in seeing some of the night life of the city as time and energy will permit. In any case, we would like to have the escort officer make suggestions and be available to go along. No doubt Mr. Rooney would also like to have the Administrative Officer and his wife accompany us, but this will have to be worked out upon our arrival.

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There is no point today in fixing the blame for this lamentable state of affairs.

The chief sticking point in the discussions is the refusal of the Soviet Union to permit the establishment of mechanisms for inspection and control, calculated to verify the faithful observance of undertakings to disarm.

I do not need to observe that without such precautions, the security of a nation would always be subject to destruction by the duplicity of another nation.

The United States and the United Kingdom assess this problem alike, and believe it presses for solution.

In this, as in other particulars, the nature of our mutual consultations gives added strength to our association. After all, our grand political objectives are the same; to struggle unceasingly to correct man's folly and injustice, to preserve, at any cost, human freedoms, to live in peace and amity with all.

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